

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 23 and 26 have been amended. No Claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-26 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

West, Beeson, Bannister and Kao

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over West et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,922,517 ("West") in view of Beeson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,278,890 ("Beeson") in view of Bannister et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,787,355 ("Bannister") in further view of Kao. U.S. Patent No. 6,175,737 ("Kao").

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended above and now include:

"a trunk interface unit having a plurality of subscriber ports, each port being coupled to a trunk of a central telephone switch

"a plurality of subscriber line interface cards, each coupled to a subscriber port to provide loop interface functions to the central telephone switch;

"a subscriber interface module associated with each subscriber line interface card;

"a radio transceiver to communicate with a wireless cellular communications network using a wireless trunk; and

"a control section coupled to each subscriber line interface card, to each of the subscriber interface modules, and to the radio transceiver to receive voice and signaling from each of the subscriber line interface cards to package and format the received voice and signaling for the wireless communications network and, using the subscriber

interface modules, to coordinate and control over the air protocols of the wireless communications network."

These features particularly of the control section are not shown in combination in any of the references. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 23 and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be allowable over the references.

Regarding Claims 12 and 19, calls coming from the switch are routed alternately to the wireless cellular network or to the wired switched telephone network.

Considering the references in the order listed by the Examiner, West shows subscribers 1 coupled through a switch 312 to a transceiver 310. However, there is no suggestion that these users may alternately be connected to the wired switched telephone network.

In Beeson, there is no suggestion of user stations coupled to a central telephone switch and from there accessing a wireless access communication unit.

In Bannister, user stations 104 are coupled through a PBX 106 to radio units 112 to access the wireless network. There is no suggestion that these user stations alternately access a wired switched telephone network.

Kao is similar to Beeson. Accordingly, claim 12 and 19 and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be allowable over the references.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.


Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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